OLD

STORIES

Which were the Fore-runners of the

REVOLUTION

In *Eighty-eight*, Reviv'd, *Viz.*

I. A Dialogue between F. *Peters*, and Dr. *Busby*.
II. The Hollanders Story of the Penal Laws and Test.
III. *William Penn* holding forth among the Quakers.
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V. Queries about the Invitation.
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XVI. About the Lord *Sunderland's* turning Papist.
XVII. That of the Banquetting House.
XVIII. That of Cauldrons, Grid-Irons, Knives, *&c.*
XIX. That the P. of O. had Muster'd 20000 Men at *Exeter*.
XX. Another of the Lord *Lovelace*.
XXI. That the King had sent the Lord *Dartmouth* with our Fleet to *France*.
XXII. That 40000 *French* and *Irish* were coming to *England*.
XXIII. That Admiral *Herbert* had taken Three Million of Money of the *French* King.
XXIV. That Queen *Mary* did give the Princess *Anne* a Box on the Ear, which caus'd her to Miscarry. With 500 more Stories, of the like Tendency.

To which is added in a Post-Script. The Truest Account that ever was yet Publish'd of the Pretended Irish *Massacre, which went through* England *and* Scotland *in one Night. With a Discovery of the Manager of that and another Intrigue, never before made Publick.*

Fama malum quo non aliud velocius. *Virg.*

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THE PREFACE.

I Know 'tis expected that I should say something by way of Preface to this Collection of Stories, and so I will, tho' I think I may as well let it alone; for, if upon a fair Reading it will stand the Test, no Person of Candour and Ingenuity will Condemn it for want of a Preface, and Persons of a Disingenuous Temper, who hate every thing which does not suit with their Inclinations, will never approve of it, tho' it should have a Preface as long as the Book it self.

For my part, I must confess, this Collection is none of mine, but a Gentleman's, who was very well vers'd in the Affairs of 1688, (*that* Annus Mirabi-

lis *which has astonished the whole World*) *and has gathered the Reports for some Years since, which may be seen hereafter.*

I believe most People, I mean English *Born, who know any thing of the World, have been Ear-witnesses to many of the Reports here related, so that I need not undertake to prove the Truth of the Collection. Who is there that has liv'd to the Age of Twenty Years, who has not known the Reports of a Priest's Bastard Son, a Tyler's Son,* &c. *brought into the late* Queen's *Chamber in a* Warming-Pan, *and imposed upon the* Nation *for a* Prince *of* Wales? *Who has not heard of the (some say intended)* Irish Massacre, *Consecrated* Gridirons, Caldrons, Knives, Protestant Bridles, *&c.*

The reason why these Reports *were raised, the Politicians best knew at that time, but we by* Experience *have found the* Effects *they have had upon the* Nation,

on, *and the Dismal* Misfortunes *these* Three Kingdoms *have labour'd under, for being too Credulous to believe every* Flying Report.

The reason of our Publishing these Papers, *is, that Posterity may see what pretty* Stratagems, *what Cunning* Devices, *what* Ways *and* Means *Disaffected Persons can find out, to blacken a* Government *they have a mind to* overthrow. *Had King* Charles *the First never been Branded with the Name of* Papist, Tyrant, *and the like, his* Head *had never come to the* Block.

I expect to be severely Censured by some sorts of People *for exposing to open View the* Vitia *and* Modos, *by which some strange Things have been brought about; but I care not a Farthing for that, so long as they cannot deny that they did raise these* Reports, *and for that end. By their* Fruits *you may know them.*

The First Part *is only a Specimen of what is to follow, I cou'd wish I cou'd*

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have begun at King James's *coming to the Crown, but our Collector begun not his Work till* Sept. 24, 1688; *some Stories which wanted a Date in this* Collection, *I have placed at the Beginning, because they seem to have been before* Sept. *and I have purposely Concluded this* Part *with K.* W's. *Coronation,* Apr. 11. 1689, *that the Beginning of the next may be from a Remarkable Period of Time, I may say one of the most Remarkable which ever happen'd in* England. *As this is Received the* Second *follows.*

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DR. *Busby*, as Stories go, walking one day in S. *James's* Park met with Father *Peters*, who Saluted him Cap in Hand, which occasion'd the following Dialogue.

P. Reverend Dr. your humble Servant. How have you done this long Time?

B. Very well, I thank you; but I do not know you.

P. I was once one of your Scholars.

B. That may be. Pray what's your Name?

P. My Name is *Peters*.

B. Peters! What! Not that *Peters* call'd *Father Peters*, who has made all the Noise in the World?

P. The very same, Sir.

B. You was of another Faith, Sir, when you was under my Tuition. How came you to change it?

P. Because

P. Becauſe *the Lord had need of me.*

B. Why Sir, I have read the Scriptures as often as another Man, and I never read that *the Lord had need of any thing* but once, and that was of an *Aſs.*

The *Hollanders*, *An.* 1688, having a great Eſteem for the *Engliſh* Government, were pleaſed to ſend us over, as a Token of their Affection, the Picture of a Waggon, drawn by twelve Horſes; which ſeem'd, notwithſtanding, to be ſet in a place where the Dirt did not exceed the Rim of the Wheels. The Waggoner was drawn Whipping his Horſes, and the King of *England* at one of the hinder Wheels, endeavouring to Thruſt it along with his Shoulder; but to no Purpoſe: The Waggon was loaded with the *Teſt* and *Penal Laws.*

Much about the ſame time, ſome body, very full of Invention, made another Picture of a Coach and Six. Father *Peters* was the Coach-Man, and *Will. Penn* the Quaker, the Poſtilion. The Coach was full of Devils, and the great Devil in the Head bidding the Coachman drive apace down with the *Teſt* and *Penal Laws.* Behind the Coach was drawn a Biſhop of the Church of *England*, fixing his Hands and Feet in one of the hinder Wheels, ſo that it could not move, either backwards, or forwards. Behind the Biſhop was the King, whipping him with a Scourge till the Blood came; but for all that the Biſhop

ſhop would not let go his Hold. An Emblem that Biſhops, in thoſe Days, could ſuffer Perſecution for the ſake of Religion.

William Penn holding forth one Day, before thoſe Lambs of the Lord the *Quakers*, took an Occaſion to tell them, how ſeverely they had been Perſecuted by the *Penal Laws*, even to the Loſs of *Goods*, *Coats*, nay and *Cloaks* alſo: But that now they were happy in *Liberty* of *Conſcience* by Royal Favour, and therefore that they could do no leſs than, at the *King's Requeſt*, take off the *Teſt* and *Penal Laws*. Which he told them would not only oblige the *King*, but redound to their everlaſting *Liberty*. No ſooner had he done, but up-ſtarts another, who told them, that what *Will. Penn* had ſaid, was true, that they had been Perſecuted to the Loſs of *Coats* and *Cloaks*, but let me tell you, ſays he, Take away the Penal Laws, and we ſhall loſe our Skins too.

A Gentleman in *Lent* came to the *Swan* Tavern, over-againſt *Somerſet-Houſe*, in the *Strand*, where he met a Friend and a Popiſh Prieſt with him. The Prieſt among other Things began to Diſcourſe how that the *Roman Catholicks* keep Lent very ſtrict, by Abſtaining both from Wine and Fleſh Says the Gentleman, Sir, or Father, I'll hold you a Bottle of Wine, that none of you who pretend to keep Lent, do it; but eat Fleſh once or twice in the Time. *P.* I'll take you

up. Who ſhall be Judge? *Gen.* You your ſelf. *P.* Go on. *Gen.* Don't you receive the Sacrament once or twice every Month? *P.* Yes. *Gen.* Don't you believe that the Sacrament is Tranſubſtantiated into the Body and Blood of Chriſt, and that you receive him Corporeally as well as Spiritually? *P.* Yes. *Gen.* Then you eat Fleſh, and conſequently do not keep Lent.

About the Time that the P. of *Wales* was born, it was Confidently reported, that a certain Nobleman did offer one of the King's Maſter Work-Men 2000 *l.* for his Son, but his Wife would not yield to it. The Nobleman and the Maſter Work-Man both, were never known, and ſome People doubt very much, whether they ever had a Name to be known by.

'Tis reported that a certain (Fairy) Midwife deliver'd a Prieſt's Whore of a Son, the *Saturday* before the Queen was brought to Bed under the Queen's Lodgings, which, they pretended, died as ſoon as the *Proteſtant* Midwife was gone, to hinder her coming to inquire after it.

That that Child was the pretended Prince of *Wales*, born *June* the 10th 1688. Some report that he was really the Son of the Queen, others that he was born of a *Tyler*'s Wife, and brought into the Queen's Bed-Chamber in a Warming-Pan, and that his Mother, preſently after, fled to *Holland*, and diſcover'd the whole Intrigue, and will come over with the *P.* of *O.* to Undeceive the Bubbled Nation.

Nation. When ſhe comes to *England*, we ſhall ſee her.

Sept. 23. 1688. It has been reported ever ſince the Birth of the P. of *W.* that the *Dutch* have been making great Preparations to Aſſiſt the *P.* of *O.* to make a Deſcent upon *England*, and that they are now upon our Coaſt.

24. 'Tis ſaid the *Dutch* have block'd-up ſeveral of our Sea-Ports, ſo that none of our Ships can go out or in: That they have threeſcore Sail of Ships in Number, and that Ten thouſand *Dutch-Men* are Landed with the Pr. of *Orange* at the Head of them, making towards *London*. It is alſo reported, that if any Reſiſtance is made, the Ships with the remaining Part of the Army are to aſſault the Sea-Port Towns, and the Prince is to maintain the Battle by Land: That he pays the Soldiers Quarters very juſt, where-ever he comes; That he fights no Body, but comes peaceably and quietly along onwards to *London*.

26. The Prince of *Orange* ſent ſeveral Queries to the King, and deſir'd his Majeſty's Reſolution of them.

1. Whether the Child call'd the Prince of *Wales* was his own Son?

2. Whether he would aſſiſt the *French* or the *Dutch*?

3. Whether he would yield to the Execution of the Lord Chancellour *Jefferies*, the Biſhop of *Cheſter*, Father *Peters*, &c. if they were found guilty of Treaſonable Practices?

And

And lastly, Whether it was not Treacherous and Base in a King, to invite a Foreign Nation into his own Land (a Thing very much, and with good Reason, Disputed, unless he Invited the *Dutch*) to cut the Throats of his *Protestant* Subjects, who would not consent to his taking off the *Test*, and *Penal Laws*?

27. 'Tis confidently affirm'd that the *French* had a Design to have Landed, in order to Re-establish Popery, but that the *Dutch* prevented them: That the *Dutch* have had a Skirmish with the *French*, and Sunk seven Men of War; That the *Dutch* are Threescore thousand strong, and have Horses, Armour, and all Accoutrements fit for a War.

28. The *Bishops* came and proffer'd their Service to his Majesty, and told him they would venture their Lives and Fortunes for him and their Church; but one of them took the Liberty to tell his Majesty, that he had brought himself into a fine Premunire by the Advice of his good Council, and that he would assure his Majesty, it would never be better with him, till *Jefferyes* and *Peters* were taken out of the way.

29. The King order'd his Captains of Horse and Foot, to add ten Men to every Company, allowing 100 *l.* to each Captain of Horse, and 50 *l.* to each Captain of Foot, for Raising them: and to the Horse-Men he gave Twenty pounds a Man to buy them Horses.

This

This day 'tis reported that the Biſhop of *Bath* and *Wells* is made Arch-biſhop of *Canterbury*.

'Tis ſaid that the King, being perplex'd about the Council's ill Advice, and the coming of the *Dutch*, the Queen came to his Majeſty, and Adviſ'd him *to behave himſelf like a Man in this Calamity*, to which he made no Reply, but bid God Damn her, and the reſt of her Gang, for 'twas by them he was brought into that Trouble. If that's Truth, let any one tell a Lye if he can.

They ſay that the Biſhop of *London*, who was ſome time ſince Suſpended, might be reſtored to all his Places, but that he refuſes to be Reſtored.

They ſay the Queen goes to *Portſmouth* on *Monday*, with the Pr. of *Wales*, and thence to *Rome*, in order to put herſelf into a Monaſtery.

The Great Lady which was to be Fin'd a thouſand Pounds for ſaying, that the Prince of *Wales* was brought into the Queen's Bed-Chamber in a Warming-Pan, fled to *Holland*, with the Guard that was ſet over her, and has there diſcover'd the ſame to the Prince of *Orange*. If the *Tyler*'s Wife had gone along with her, they would have made two ſubſtantial Evidences.

The Ambaſſadour from *France*, having diſcover'd the King's Secrets to the *Dutch*, upon Examination could not deny it, and was therefore ſent to the *Tower*.

29. Some

Some ſay the *Dutch* are come to Claim the Prince of *Orange*'s Right to the Crown, others that their Deſign is not to Land, unleſs the *Iriſh* and *Scotch* begin to Maſſacre the *Proteſtants*.

When the King cauſed his Army to Beat up for Voluntiers to fight againſt the *Dutch*, it was the common Saying among the Mob, That to fight againſt the *Dutch*, is the only way to advance the *Papiſts*, and whoever went againſt them ought to be ſerv'd, as *Monmouth*'s Men were in the Weſt.

They ſay the Seven Biſhops are to be ſent to the *Dutch* Fleet, to Conclude a Peace with them. The Yeomen of the Guard, are to attend the King on Horſeback, if he goes againſt the *Dutch*: And the Queen is to go to the *Tower* for Security, with a Guard of a thouſand *Iriſh*, to keep the *Tower* and the *Citizens* in good Order, and Obedience to his Majeſty.

30. This day being Sunday, a *Scotch* Woman came to St. *Margarets*, *Weſtminſter*. She had not been there long, but ſhe cry'd out, *Whars*, *Whars*, (meaning *Whores*, *Whores*.) Several who were by, thought ſhe had cry'd *Wars*, *Wars*, and that the Papiſts were coming to Maſſacre them, inſomuch that ſome cry'd out the Papiſts are coming to cut our Throats, others fancied they ſaw naked Swords in the Church-yard, others that they heard the Cannons roaring, and all in general were contriving which way to Eſcape; till at laſt, ſome, who had more Guts in their

Brains

Brains than others, Unriddl'd the Matter, that it was only a Madwoman, and ſo appeas'd the Tumult.

'Tis reported that ſeveral Lords are fled to *Holland*, and that the *Company* of *Goldſmiths* or Merchants have ſent 500 Ingots of Silver thither for Security. *Thence never to return*, &c.

Octob. 1ſt, 1688. 'Tis reported the King had a Letter ſent to him by Five Biſhops, and that his Majeſty being out of the way, the Queen receiv'd it, and read it, and then tore it in pieces; the King upon his Return demanded the Letter, which not being to be had, the King gave her a Kick on the Breech (as true, as that *Jupiter* kick'd *Vulcan* out of Heaven) and ſhe to revenge it flew upon him and Beat him handſomly, (excellent Manners for a Queen;) and had Strangled him, but that the Guards came in to his Aſſiſtance; whereupon he reſolv'd to commit the Queen to the Uſher of the Black Rod, but the Ladies of Honour interpoſing, he forgave her. 'Twas well the Faction which raiſed this Story of him, allow'd him to have ſo much good Nature in him.

2*d.* 'Tis reported that the King of *England* ſent the Broad Seal of *England* to the King of *France*, with a Letter to intreat him to ſend 40000 Men to his Aſſiſtance, promiſing with them, and his *Iriſh* and *Scotch*, to eſtabliſh Popery in *England*: The honeſt

Ambaſſador, who was to deliver the Letter and Broad Seal to the King of *France*, inſtead of doing his Errant, ſent them to the Prince of *Orange*, who remitted them to the King in a Packet; which when he ſaw from his Son the Prince of *Orange*, he clapp'd his Hand upon his Breaſt, and ſaid, *I am undone*. The Ambaſſador certainly died before the Prince of *Orange* accepted the Crown, or doubtleſs he would have proved every Tittle of this to be true.

It is reported that the Queen took the Crown Jewels into her Cuſtody, and had inticed the King to let her go to *Portſmouth* for her Security; but the Matter was diſcovered, and the Council would not let her go.

That the King on the Diſcovery of his ſending the Broad Seal to *France*, would fain have gone out of the Kingdom with the Queen, but that the Council told them, if they did, they ſhould never return again: They proved afterwards as good as their words.

That the Lord Mayor, with the Old and New Aldermen, went to wait on the King, and offer to ſerve his Majeſty both with Life and Eſtate. How they did, it is well known.

3*d*. The King, upon the Lord Mayor's and Aldermen's Addreſs to him, was pleas'd to reſtore their Charter to them, which they had forfeited; for which they cauſed the Bells to be Rung, and other demonſtra-

monſtrations of Joy to be made: But ſome report that the Citizens are to pay 200000 *l.* and to raiſe 20000 Men at their own Charge for the purchaſe of it.

'Tis reported that one of the Seven Biſhops, and ſome Lords, are gone with an Ambaſſage to the Prince of *Orange*.

'Tis reported that 10000 *Iriſh* are coming into this Nation to eſtabliſh *Popery*, and that the *Proteſtants* will be all Maſſacred before a Fortnight is at an end, or forc'd to Truckle to the Church of *Rome*.

4. 'Tis reported that the Prince of *Wales* is dead of the *Small Pox*; and that his Majeſty has taken away the Commiſſions from all the Officers of a whole Regiment of Foot.

5. 'Tis reported that the Queen would not let the King reſt, till he had cauſed the Crowns to be taken off from the Queen *Dowager*'s Coaches.

6. 'Tis reported that the Citizens finding their Charter had a Clauſe in it, which impowered the King to remand it, upon ſome particular Defaults (which they call'd *at pleaſure*) very civilly ſent it back again, and would have none, unleſs they had their old one, without Reſtraint; and that upon this the Lord Chancellor went in the King's Name to nominate a new Lord Mayor; he accordingly Nominated one, but the Nominee refuſed to hold, till he had adviſed with Counſel: His Lordſhip told him he was able to give him Councel, but he begg'd his Lord-

ſhips Excuſe: Becauſe, I ſuppoſe, he thought the Advice of a City Attorney to be better than the Council of him who had been Recorder of the City (and conſequently knew the Conſtitution of the City) Lord Chief Juſtice of *England*, and was then Lord High Chancellor of it.

This Day we have alſo a notable Story, that a Prieſt was Railing mightily againſt the Hereticks in a Sermon at *Wild Houſe*, and that he ſaid the Bible was nothing but Lyes; whereupon a Proteſtant Gentleman broke his Head as he was in the Pulpit, and told him he was a Son of a Whore: The Catholicks immediately roſe in Arms, but the Proteſtants coming in to the Gentleman's Aſſiſtance, drove them all out of the Chapple.

7. 'Tis reported that his Majeſty went this Morning to St. *Martins* Church, and did receive the Sacram nt after the Order of the Church of *England*, and that he does in a little time deſign to embrace the Proteſtant Religion: They ſay alſo that the Earl of—— has melted down all his Plate, and is gone aſide with 100000 *l.* ſome ſay to *Holland*.

8. Some Apprentices, as the Story goes, being very Zealous for the Cauſe of their Religion, laſt Sunday Nail'd up the Roman Catholicks in the Chapple at *Lyme-ſtreet*, telling them that ſince they had their Charter again, they would not ſuffer any Roman Catholicks, or Popiſh Chappels, to be amongſt them, and ſo pluck'd it down about their Ears.

9. This

9. This day they report that one hundred thouſand *Iriſh* are landed at *Portſmouth*, in order to drive down Liberty and Property; and that the King ſhould ſay, he would grind the Hereticks as ſmall as Powder.

The report of the *Iriſh* being landed, ſo Alarm'd the *Citizens*, that they roſe in Arms, and declar'd, that ſince the *Iriſh* were landed, they would not leave a Papiſt in the Nation.

10. 'Tis reported that the Duke of *Newcaſtle* has made a Diſcovery of 500, ſome ſay 900 Horſes, in *Yorkſhire*, deſign'd, as is ſuppos'd, for the Aid of the Prince of *Orange*.

11. This day came ſtrange *News* from the *North*, that the 900 Horſes which the Duke of *Newcaſtle* diſcover'd in *Yorkſhire* were Metamorphos'd into Nine thouſand Men, all Arm'd Cap-a-pee, for the Service of the Prince of *Orange*, as ſoon as he ſhould land.

Others ſay that a certain Fellow having bought ſixteen Horſes, and hearing that Horſes went off at a good rate in the *North*, rid to *Yorkſhire* with them; and as he paſs'd thro' a Market Town, he cry'd *Oranges* and *Limons*. Another Fellow being very Curious and Suſpicious that they were for the Service of the Prince of *Orange*, cauſed them to be ſtopt, and ſent word to the King, which occaſion'd the Rumour of 900 Horſes being taken. For 16 by vulgar Multiplication will eaſily become Sixty: and ſixty by Arithmatical Progreſſion, will in time be-

become an Hundred; and an Hundred multiplied by nine will make the Number of Horſes the Report is of.

On *Sunday* laſt Captain *Tom*, *alias* the Mob, diſturb'd the Chappel in *Lyme-ſtreet*, whereupon the Prieſt went to the Lord Mayor, who adviſed him to ſhut up the Chappel, till the Rabble was appeas'd. But he would not. Next day the Rabble came again, and the Prieſt ſent his Footman for his Lordſhip twice, before he would go. When his Lordſhip came, the Prieſt took the Liberty to tell him, that he wonder'd he would not come when he firſt ſent his Footman for him, and that he would acquaint the King with it. To which his Lordſhip reply'd, that if the Prophet's Aſs had ſpoken to him, he ſhould have taken it as a Call, but as for his Footman, he would acquaint the King he had nothing to do with.

12. 'Tis affirm'd on all hands that the intended Maſſacre will be either on *Sunday* or *Monday* next.

13. Some report that the Lord *Dartmouth* has ſent a Letter to the King, to Inform his Majeſty, that the Seamen will not fight the *Dutch*. Others ſay, that they will loſe their Lives for the King's Majeſty.

That the Fellows of St. *Mary Magdalen* College in *Oxon*, are to be reſtor'd to their Fellowſhips the next Week, and that the Biſhop of *Wincheſter* has Commiſſion from the King to reſtore them.

That

That the Ladies which were at the Queen's Labour are to give in their Depoſitions concerning the Birth of the Prince of *Wales*, in order to ſatisfy the Nation.

That the King expects the Prince of *Orange* to Land to morrow, and deſigns to Head the Army himſelf, and has nominated Two of his Chaplains to attend him.

14. 'Tis reported that a Captain's Man took-up a Letter in St. *James*'s Park, which threatned the King, that if he drew out his Army never ſo ſoon, he ſhould find Ten thouſand Men in Arms, in *Spittle-fields*, *Champions* for Liberty and Property, againſt Popery and Arbitrary Power.

That a great many are Impriſon'd for raiſing the Report of a Maſſacre.

15. 'Tis reported that the Prince of *Wales* was *Chriſtned* this Day, and that there were ten Fires in St. *James*'s *Chappel*, to keep the Infant from taking cold, while they were performing the Ceremony of Baptizing. That his Name is *James Francis Edward*.

That a Tempeſt diſpers'd the *Dutch* Fleet, and the Vice-Admiral was diſabled.

16. 'Tis reported that the Marqueſs of *Albaville*'s Gentleman came to the Lord *Sunderland*'s Office (who was then one of the Principal Secretaries of State) about 6 at night, being juſt then come from *Holland*, and affirm'd, that there had been no Storm, and that the *Dutch* were not diſpers'd, nor diſabled, but that they deſign'd to ſet Sail to Morrow or next Day at fartheſt.

That

That 4000 *Iriſh* landed at *Cheſter*, and did in a moſt Tyrannical manner oppreſs the Inhabitants, and that there has been a diſmal Fight between them, and a great many ſlain on both ſides.

That thoſe Men who had 20 *l. per* Man to buy them Horſes, were put on Ship-board, and their Horſes taken from them, and a great many of them ſtarved.

That the Arch biſhop of *Canterbury* refus'd to Chriſten the Prince of *Wales*.

That the L——d *Peterborough* has remov'd his Goods by Night to St. *James*'s, and laid them there in a Vault, and that he has ſent his Daughter into *France*.

That Father *Peters* deſir'd his Majeſty's Leave to depart the Nation, but the King refuſed it, telling him, that ſince he had brought him into that Trouble, he ſhould ſtay and take Part of it.

17. 'Tis Reported that the *Dutch* are Landed, and that the two Armies were ſeen Engaging. That the Inhabitants are Warn'd out of the *Tower*.

18. 'Tis Reported, That the Queen call'd the King Coward; and told him, if he had not been ſo, the Work might have been done, before now.

That my Lord *Craven* told the King, He would never be at Peace, till he had lopp'd the Queen off ſhorter by the Head.

That the Biſhops, after leave was given them by the King, aſk'd His Majeſty, Whether the Child, call'd the Prince of Wales, was

was his, or no? And the King answer'd, he could not tell, but he thought it was. That they then desir'd His Majesty to let them Examin the Midwife, which the King condescended to. The Midwife being sent for, they Adjur'd her, as in the Presence of God, to give them a true Answer, to such Questions as they should ask; adding withal, That God would certainly Damn her if she did not. So they all ask'd her, Whether the Child, known by the Name of the Prince of Wales, was the Queen's Child? She answerd, she could not tell, because the Queen was brought to Bed before she came into the Room.

That the *Dutch* are gone back again into their own Country.

That the Bishops desir'd His Majesty not to let *Peters* go out of the Nation, lest he should be Requir'd at his Hands; and that the King promis'd he should not.

That my Lord Chancellor's Goods are pack'd up, ready for a March.

That a Man was taken at St. *Martins*, in Womans Cloaths, with Fire-Balls, going to Fire St. *Martin's-Church*.

18. 'Tis Reported, That 700 *Irish* are to be Quarter'd to morrow in *Holbourn*.

That there will not be a War between the *English* and *Dutch*.

19. 'Tis Reported, That 13 Thousand *Irish* are already come hither.

That when the Bishops were put in the Tower, the Papists in *Ireland* would have

Rung the Bells, and, that a certain Sexton, being a Proteſtant, would not let them into the Church. Whereupon they hal'd him before a Juſtice of the Peace, who, being of their own Perſwaſion, order'd the Fellow to be put in the Stocks, which was accordingly done. At which time a merry Fellow, paſſing by, was pleas'd to ſay, *The Head is in the* Tower, *and the Feet are in the* Stocks.

21. 'Tis nois'd abroad by ſome, that the Lord Chancellour did receive the Sacrament at St. *Margaret*'s Church in *Weſtminſter*, and that his Chaplain preached then before him.

22. Common Fame reports, that the King, Queen, the Queen Dowager, moſt or all the Lords Temporal, and Spiritual, the Judges Lord Mayor, and Aldermen of *London*, ſat in Council about the Affair of the Prince of *Wales*; but what the Reſult was, is not yet known. The Council ſat from 9 a Clock in the Morning till one in the Afternoon. Some ſay that Queen Dowager came out from Council, as red as a Turky-cock. Some ſaid, it would now be a Prince or no Prince. Others ſaid, if he was prov'd a Prince, open Wars would be proclaimed againſt *Holland*. Others will have it that the Council could not agree.

That all the New-rais'd Men are to be ſent to *France*, in order to leſſen the Number of the *Proteſtants*, and to put the Church of *England* under the Power of the *Roman* Catholicks, and that thoſe Soldiers who are ſent to *France* are to be ſerv'd as the *De Witts* were in *Holland*.

That

That five *Iriſhmen* are ſent to *Newgate* for killing their Landlord, and a Beadle who came to keep the Peace.

That but 14 of the 13000 *Iriſh*, who came over, are *Proteſtants*.

That the Lord *Sunderland*, when he turn'd *Papiſt*, as a Penitent was order'd to come with a white Rod in his Hand, and knock'd at the Chappel Door. When the Prieſt within aſk'd *Who was there?* His Lordſhip was to anſwer, *A Poor Heretick, that begs to be admitted into the Communion of the Church.* That when he had repeated thoſe words four or five times, he was Whipt, and ſo receiv'd into the Boſom of the Church.

That *Jefferies* was this Day Lord Preſident of the Council, during its Sitting.

23. 'Tis ſaid that a Milliner's Houſe was ſearch'd for Arms: and that the Meſſengers found a thouſand Muſkets, a thouſand Brace of Piſtols, beſides Armour, which was there hid, till the Prince of *Orange* landed, and that ſeveral Writings were found of a New *Preſbyterian Plot*, to blow-up the Church and State, as they had done before.

26. Several Lords and Ladies affirm'd upon Oath the Affidavit which they had made before the Chancellour, concerning the Prince of *Wales*. Some ſwore they ſaw the Child as ſoon as it was born, and that it was a Prince of *Wales*. Others, that they ſaw the Navel-ſtring cut. Others, that they ſaw the Queen's Smock bloody. Others, that they heard the Queen cry out vehemently, and

that ſhe aſk'd whether the Child was alive or dead, and whether it was a Boy or a Girl? And the Anſwer was made, a *Prince*. Some ſaid the Child was carried out of the Room immediately, and that it was not known whether it was a Boy or a Girl for half an Hour after.

'Tis reported that the Lord Chancellour peep'd into the Queen's Bed, and ſaw every thing which was done to the Queen in her Labour.

That when a Weather-Cock was ſet-up by the Banquetting-houſe, ſeveral ſaid that the King had ſet-up his Bloody Standard. If he had ſet-up ſome of their Heads in the Room of it, the Faction might have had ſome reaſon to ſay ſo. 'Twas really Pity he had not done it.

27. An Expreſs came to the King with the joyful News that the *Dutch* had loſt 700 Horſe, others ſay 7000.

28. They ſay the Lord *Sunderland* is turned out of the Office of Principal Secretary of State.

29. It runs current that the Lord *Sunderland* was turn'd out, becauſe he let his Cloſet be broke open, and loſt the League between the King of *England* and the King of *France*. The Tables are now turn'd, and ſome Popiſh Rogue certainly got it, or we ſhould have ſeen it before now.

30. They ſay 'twas Coll. *Sidney*'s Son, who broke open the Lord *Sunderland*'s Office, and caried away the League, or rather Agreement

between

between the King of *England* and the King of *France*.

The whole Town-talk now, is, that the *Engliſh* and *Dutch* Fleets are Engag'd.

Nov. 2. 1688. We have an Account that the Prince of *Orange* ſet Sail yeſterday for *England*.

That a Man is put in Priſon for ſpreading the *Pr.* of *Orange*'s Manifeſto.

This day being *All-Souls* Day, 'tis ſaid that *Pontius Pilate*'s Maid (which brought him the Meſſage from his Wife, when he was upon the Judgment-Seat) catching hold of King *Charles* the 2d's Heels, as he came out of *Purgatory*, advanc'd along with him.

3. This day they ſay, the King ſent for all the Biſhops, and aſk'd the Arch-biſhop in the Name of them all, whether they were concern'd in ſending to invite the *Prince* of *Orange*, and the *Dutch* into *England*? The Arch-biſhop anſwer'd, No, nor ever would. Then the King aſked him, whether he would ſet his Hand to the Abhorrence of the ſaid Invaſion; he anſwer'd, no, neither would he concern himſelf with it, one way or other.

4. The great News now is, that the *Dutch* landed 5000 Men at *Portſmouth*, which were Beaten back by the Militia, and are now gone farther Weſt.

5. The Courtiers tell us, that the King ſent for the Lords Spiritual, to demand of them, whether they had any hand in bringing the *Prince* of *Orange* over. And they de-

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ny'd it, as the Biſhops had done before.

This day the *Dutch* landed, by the Help of a Proteſtant Fog; and, as they ſay, have made themſelves Maſters of *Exeter*.

Within three Days the King goes againſt the *Dutch*.

The hotteſt Reports now about the Town, are of ſeveral large Cauldrons, Grid-Irons, Knives, *&c.* found in the New Maſs-houſe in St. *Jones*'s, with which, they ſay, the *Papiſts* deſign'd to deſtroy the Hereticks. This Story was firſt proclaim'd in *Newgate-Market*, by one *Honywood*, a Rogue of the firſt Magnitude, and thence ſpread through the City; which occaſioned the Deſtruction of that Houſe.

The Town rings that the Butchers Apprentices threaten to pull down the Lord *Bartlet*'s Houſe, where the Chappel is, and are whetting their Hatchets on purpoſe for the Buſineſs.

7. 'Tis reported that the Lord *Sunderland* is murder'd. If he had———

8. The Papers tell us, that the Lord *Ch---rs* Brother, Headed a Regiment of Horſe againſt the *P.* of *Orange*, and that he and ſix Companies of them were ſlain, and the other ſix taken.

10. They ſay that 50520 *Dutch* are landed at *Dartmouth*, and that they have made themſelves Maſters of the City of *Exeter*, and rais'd a Bullwark, and digg'd a Trench round it. That their Ships are perpetually ſailing from *Dartmouth* to *Holland* for more Men, and yet that the *P.* of *Orange* has hung out his *white Standard* for Peace. Some

11. Some ſay, if we can believe it, that the King threatens the *Weſt* with Fire and Sword, unleſs they beat the *P.* of *Orange* out again, and ſend him Home with a Flea in his Ear.

12. 'Tis reported that the Lord Biſhop of *Exeter* came to his Majeſty, to make an Apology for the City's not holding out againſt the *P.* of *Orange*; and that the *P.* of *O.* knowing the *King* wanted no Money, borrow'd 300 *l.* from one of the King's Exciſe-Men.

That the *King* deſigns to go himſelf againſt the *P.* of *Orange*, on *Thurſday* next, and that Preparations are making accordingly.

That the *King* view'd the Foot this Morning, and Encourag'd them to Fight like Men for their *King* and *Country*.

That the *Dutch* are landed likewiſe at *York*.

13. The Lord *Huntington* is order'd to guard the *Tower* of *London*.

14. They ſay now, that the *King* will not go to his Army till *Monday*, becauſe he is afraid the Apprentices will riſe on Queen *Elizabeth*'s Birth-day, and therefore he will ſtay till it is over.

That the *P.* of *Orange* Muſter'd 20000 Men at *Exeter*, and that his Army is now increas'd to 50520. That Deſerters come over to him daily, who, being aſk'd the Reaſon of their Deſertion, ſay, that they fight not againſt the *King*, but againſt his Religion, and that having no Trade, they thought it better to fight for the *P.* of *O.* than for thoſe who would Cut their Throats after they have fought for them. That

That the Prince has Arms and Armour for 50000 Men more.

15. 'Tis reported that the *London* Apprentices found ſeven Pulpits, ſtuck full of Spikes and Screws at the Top, to preſs them cloſe down. Suppoſed to be made for the Seven Biſhops. Thoſe that hide can find.

That the Lord *Lovelace* with threeſcore Men in Arms, going to the *Prince*, was queſtioned, whether he was going by the Mayor of a ſmall Town thro' which he was to paſs. But giving Mr. Mayor ſome Saucy Language, ſuch as Mr. Mayor's Worſhip could not digeſt, the Mayor cauſed fourſcore Troopers to be rais'd, who fought him and took him with eleven of his Men Priſoners.

That a Gentleman met Father *Peters*, and after the uſual Compliments, aſk'd him what News?

P. I don't much mind News now; but pray what do you hear?

G. 'Tis reported that you are one of the Cunningeſt Stateſmen we have.

P. Pray Sir, in what?

G. You by your Cunning have ſet the Nation together by the Ears, in leſs than four Years time, which all the Stateſmen we have had in twenty years before, could never do.

That her Majeſty is promis'd a Troop of Guards, conſiſting of none but Gentlemen, who will bear their own Charges, to ſerve her Majeſty.

That

That an Expreſs came in this Night, that Three Regiments of Horſe have left their undoubted King, to follow the Prince of *Orange*, and that the *Jacobites* are very much down in the Mouth at the News.

That the *Dutch* are Three ſcore and twelve thouſand Strong.

16. 'Tis Reported, That the King goes to morrow to *Saliſbury*; That Father *Peters* goes away to Night, and that the Pope's Nuncio is gone already.

That three Regiments of Foot are gone over to the Prince.

That Six hundred Men who Deſerted, are return'd again to their Allegiance.

That Admiral *Herbert*, with the Lord *Dartmouth*, have Sunk ſeveral *French* Ships which were coming hither, Taken three, and put the reſt to Flight. The *Iriſh* which were at *Dover*, taking the *French* Fleet for the *Dutch*, (becauſe the *French* and the *Dutch* build their Ships very much alike) kept them from landing there, by their continual Fireing.

That Warning has been given to all Houſekeepers in *London* and *Weſtminſter*, that they do not ſuffer their Apprentices or Children to ſtir out after Five a Clock to morrow, till *Monday* next.

That the Apprentices Swear they will pull down the Pope's Nuncio's Houſe, (but for what Reaſon, I dare Swear, none of them can tell) and that they will burn a Pope to morrow which coſt them 40 *l.* and that they

are resolv'd to clear the City of *Papists*.

That the Prince of *Orange* Drinks the King his Father's Health daily in the Camp, and is expected at *Whitehall* within two Days.

That the Officers who Guard the Tower are very apprehensive that the Apprentices will Seize it.

17. 'Tis Reported, That Father *Peters* going out of Town this Day, with some of the King's Guards, met with a Party of Highway-Men, who Robb'd him of 600 broad Pieces of Gold,

That Peace had been concluded between the King and the Prince, but the Queen with *Peters* and the rest prevented it.

18. This Day they say, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal sent a Petition to the King about Calling a Free Parliament, which was deliver'd by the Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*; for which the King call'd them Rebels and Traytors.

19. The Common Discourse about Town, is, That the King sent the Lord *Dartmouth* with the Fleet to *France*, to fetch 10000 Men for his Use: But the Officers of the Fleet finding them to be *Frenchmen*, call'd a Council of War, in which they Resolv'd not to receive them. The King of *France* understanding that they would not receive them, order'd them to be Transported into *England* in his own Ships, and he sent a Million of Gold with them. But Sir *Jeremy Smithson* and Admiral *Herbert* joining, stopp'd their Journey, and prevented their Design; for they met 'em, fought 'em,

'em, burnt and ſank thirteen Sail, and took ſome, the Lord *Dartmouth* ſtanding by, and looking on, but helping neither, tho' he pretended very much to be in the Intereſt of the King.

That the Queen beat the King again, juſt before he went out againſt the Prince of *Orange*.

That *Gadbury* foretells the King good Succeſs, and an happy Victory over his Enemies.

That the Queen went to the Princeſs of *Denmarks* in a Rage, and ſerved her as ſhe had the King, for ſaying the *P.* of *Orange* would not hurt an Hair of his Father's Head.

20. They ſay the Queen ſits in Council as Queen Regent, and diſpatches Buſineſs there.

21. 'Tis the Coffeehouſe Talk, that the Proteſtant Officers and Soldiers petitioned the King for a free Parliament, promiſing him, that if the *P.* of *Orange* would offer to Invade the Crown after the Parliament ſat, they would Aid and Aſſiſt him with their Lives and Fortunes to Force him away; but if not, they would ſtand Neuter in Obedience to the Oath of Allegiance they had taken to his Majeſty.

Some who have taken the Oaths to his Majeſty and his lawful Heirs, ſay, they cannot in Conſcience fight againſt the Prince for that Reaſon.

They ſay that Coll. *Ogleſthorp*, with a Party of Soldiers engag'd the *Dutch* at *Exeter*-Bridge, but was routed by them.

That the Earl of *Devonshire* has seis'd *Chester*, and that several other Lords are up in Arms in the *North*.

'Tis reported that the Prince's Army is marched from *Exeter*, and gone to joyn the Lords in the *North*.

That the King of *France* being at Dinner, o'th' suddain burst out a Laughing, which being observ'd by the Nobles, some of them desired his Majesty to let them know the Occasion of his Mirth, that they might participate with him. The *King* told them he Laugh'd to think of his Brother of *England*, who proposed to Establish the *Roman Catholick Religion* in *England* with an Army of *Protestants*.

'Tis reported that the Lord *Churchill* is kill'd, and that Coll. *Kirk* is cut to pieces by his own Soldiers.

That the *King* is returned from *Salisbury* to *Whitehall*, Incognito.

23. They say that Admiral *Herbert* has taken two Millions of Gold from the *French*.

That 40000 *French* and 30000 *Irish* are coming into *England* to assist the *King*, and pull down the *Protestant Religion*.

That the *King* designs for *Portsmouth* with the Queen.

That there has been a Skirmish between the *English* and *Dutch*. Some say the *English*, some the *Dutch*, got the better.

24. 'Tis said the *King* Bleeds very much at the Nose, and that he has been blooded for it, but that will not stop it.

That

That the Lord Mayor and Aldermen have petitioned for a free Parliament.

25. 'Tis reported that the Queen, like a true Virago, beat the Lord *Craven*, whereupon he laid down his Commiſſion.

That the Princeſs of *Denmark* has Miſcarried upon the Queen's giving her a Box on the Ear.

26. 'Tis reported that the Sceptre dropt from the Effigy of Queen *Mary* at the Royal *Exchange*, which certainly portends the Downfall of *Popiſh* Government. in this *Kingdom*.

27. 'Tis reported that the Princeſs of *Denmark* was taken out of her Bed laſt Night, that no body knows what is become of her.

That all her wearing Cloaths are left behind, and that ſhe is therefore murder'd by the Papiſts. That great Lamentation is made for the Loſs of her, and ſome charge the Queen with making her away. That all the Proteſtant Officers in general declare that it is time for them to look to themſelves, ſince ſhe, who was the only Prop of the *Proteſtant Religion* is gone. That a great Lady boldly accus'd the Queen with her Death, and told her Majeſty ſhe ſhould be dealt with according to Law for it.

That three hours after, an Expreſs came to the Queen from his Majeſty, which brought the News that the *Prince* of *Denmark*, the Dukes of *Grafton* and *Northumberland*, the Lord *Bartlet*, Coll. *Kirk* with 7000 Men (ſome ſay 10000, others 12000) are gone over to the *Prince* of *Orange*.

That

That the Queen was desir'd to send the Lady *Churchill* to the *Tower*; but, being *Sunday*, she was perswaded to defer it till *Monday*. The Lady *Churchill* being advertis'd of the Queen's Design, thought it the best way to make her Escape from Court. Accordingly she sent to those Lady's, whose Husbands were gone to the *Pr.* of *Orange*, to meet at such an Hour of the Night, and to secure themselves by flight, which they accomplish'd.

That the *King* is very ill, and is to be brought to Town to day in a *Horse-Litter*.

That the Prince has seis'd all the Militia.

That the *King* came home at five aClock, but not in a *Horse-Litter*.

That the Princess of *Denmark*'s Women are sent to the *Tower*, upon pretence of having Murder'd her.

That the Princess is only gone aside for Security, and has carried all her Jewels away with her.

That the Citizens, upon the News of the Princesses Departure, shut-up their Gates, and would not let Coaches, or Carts, or Men on Horseback pass thro' them.

That the *Pr.* of *Orange* sent an Express to the *King*, that if he could prove the *Prince* of *Wales* to be his Lawful Son and Heir, and would bring him up in the *Protestant Religion*, he would depart the Kingdom: But the Queen, in a Rage, said, she would sooner see him torn in pieces, than have him brought up in that Opinion.

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28. 'Tis reported that a Letter was ſent to a Roman Catholick in the City, from one of the ſame Perſwaſion, to adviſe him to get out of it; becauſe they were reſolved to Batter it down, unleſs they would condeſcend to the King.

That the King reſolves to poſſeſs himſelf of *Windſor* Caſtle.

That the Queen had a Child, and a Male Child too, but that it died, as ſoon as born, and that a Catholick Lord's Miſs, who was brought to Bed of a Son the Day before, was perſwaded by Father *Peters* to part with her Son for the Advancement of Religion, and a Gratuity of 4000 *l.* That Father *Peters* injoyn'd her at Confeſſion to go into a Nunnery, with a Promiſe, that the Queen would provide for her there. That the poor Whore accepted the Conditions, and went away with the Prieſt and Letter (as ſhe thought) of Recommendation, when it was purely a *Bellerophon's*. That by making the Prieſt drunk at Sea, ſhe got it from him, found the Contents to this Effect: That the Lady Abbeſs, was thereby commanded to diſpatch her, for fear of a Diſcovery, ſhe being the true Mother of the *Pr.* of *Wales*. Whereupon ſhe forged another Letter, and put it into his Pocket (mind the Story, 'tis as true as that *Fuller* is an honeſt Man) reſolving to make her Eſcape as ſoon as ſhe got to Shore. When they were landed, 'twas her good Fortune to lodge at an honeſt Man's Houſe (tho' a Papiſt) to whom

whom ſhe imparted the Secret; having firſt Sworn him to Secreſy, and promiſed him an hundred Pounds to Conduct her to the *Prince* of *Orange*: Which he did. And that the *Prince* has the very Letter by him to ſhew, if he has not loſt it in the Fog, which plainly proves the *Pr.* of *Wales* to be an Impoſtor.

That the Queen call'd the King Cowardly Fool, and told him, if he had not been ſo, he would have Fought his Enemies. Which ſo Enrag'd him, that he vowed the Child call'd *Prince* of *Wales* was not the Child of her Body, and that he would Sacrifice it with his own Hands. Which ſo enrag'd the Queen, that ſhe fell upon him and Beat him handſomly.

That the Reaſon why ſeveral of the Nobility went off from the King, is, becauſe he would not yield to call a Free Parliament.

29. 'Tis reported that the *King* has condeſcended to call a Free Parliament, and that the Proclamation will come out to day or to morrow.

That the King goes to *Windſor*, and that the Prince will ſit in Parliament.

That the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, came to Congratulate his Majeſty's ſafe Return Home to *White-Hall*, and preſented a Petition to his Majeſty, that he would be pleaſed to iſſue out his Royal Proclamation for a free Parliament: At which his Majeſty was very much diſpleaſed, and told them, he would ſoon make the City ſenſible of their Preſumption: To which the

Lord

Lord Mayor made Anſwer, that he hop'd his Majeſty would be better adviſed, ſince 'twas for the Safety of his Royal Perſon, the preſervation of the City and Nation, and to prevent the Effuſion of Chriſtian Blood. The King (as they ſay, believe it who will) reply'd, if they had comply'd with his Demands for Men and Money, they had never come to that paſs; but ſince they had had not, he would leave the Army to deal with them, and to diſpute his Power with them at the Swords Point. To which the Lord Mayor anſwer'd; *If that is your Majeſty's Reſolutions, I will Alarm the City immediately, and try what we can do.* Which the King hearing, ſaid, *I find I have a Potent Enemy, a Rebellious, Factious City, to deal with,* and ſo diſmiſs'd them.

That a certain Lord, who ſhall be nameleſs, being one of the Council, made this Speech to his Majeſty. Sir, *'Tis a Maxim in our Law, that the King can do no wrong, but his Miniſters may, and call'd to an Account for it too. Now in this Juncture of Affairs, what would you have us do to appeaſe the Nation, ſince the People have been ſo provok'd by the Papiſts: as Things ſtand now, what would you have us do for your Majeſty's Security? When your Majeſty was at* Saliſbury, *you might have had ſome Remedy. But what ſay the People now? The* King *is run away with his Army, and the Prince advances with* 50000 *Men; beſides the Lords are behind him with* 40000 *more, and we are left Defenceleſs, and muſt therefore ſide with*

the Prevailing Party. I think the only way to appeaſe the Nation is to Baniſh the Prieſts, hang up Offenders, and call a Free Parliament. This was excellent Advice, and if his Majeſty had follow'd it, I wonder how many Great Men we ſhould have had left now! I verily believe three Parts in four of the whole Kingdom would have been his own by Confiſcation.

That the King Spit in the Lord Chancellour's Face.

That the *P.* of *Orange* is within 40 Miles of *London*, and is expected there within two days.

That the Country ſupplies even the Princes Foot-Soldiers with Horſes for their Journey, which they return very honeſtly. Wonders, it ſeems are not yet ceaſed among the Saints.

That Coll. *Kirk* is taken Priſoner by the King's Soldiers, and brought up to *White-Hall*. If it is not true, ſome People may wiſh it.

That the King would grant free Pardon to all who went over to the Prince, provided the Lord Chancellour might not be call'd to Account. But the Council would not yield to it.

That *French* Proteſtants being aſk'd to aſſiſt the King againſt the *P.* of *Orange*, anſwer'd, they came hither to fight for their Religion, not to fight againſt it. When at the ſame time moſt of them have their Religion to chooſe.

30. 'Tis reported that the Queen will not let the King call a free Parliament, tho' he promiſed

promiſed theCouncil he would,and order'd the Chancellour to proclaim it in *Weſtminſter-Hall.*

That a Boy was taken on the 27th inſtant, with ſeveral Fire-balls in his Pocket, who upon Examination confeſs'd he had them from a *Frenchman.* Who, being apprehended, ſaid, they were only the Remains of ſome late publick Fire Works, *&c.* Nothing being prov'd againſt either of them, they were diſcharg'd. But 'tis Confidently reported the Juſtice is Popiſhly affected, and that their Deſign was to ſet the City on Fire.

We hear ſince that on the 28th inſtant, another Perſon was ſurpriz'd with the like damnable Implements; that he was in Cuſtody, but eſcap'd thro' the Key-holes of the priſon.

Decem. 2. 1688. 'Tis reported that my Lord *Delamere* was Way-laid by ſeveral *Roman Catholicks*, who ſhot many of his Men, and he himſelf was wounded.

That Father *Peters*, when the Rumour that the *Dutch* Fleet deſign'd to Invade *England*, was Confirm'd, went to a Conjurer, and aſk'd him, Whether he could ſhew him the *Dutch* Fleet, who anſwer'd him, he could; and accordingly caſt a Scheme, and ſhew'd it him. Father *Peters* aſk'd him whether he could ſink it or no? He anſwer'd he would tell him in four or five days. *Peters* accordingly came, and the Conjurer told him, the *Pope* being ſick, the Devils were ſo buiſy, that they could not afford time to do it. *Peters* laugh'd, gave him five Guineas, and ſo went away.

4. 'Tis reported that the *Roman Catholicks* have ſome very great Deſign on foot, becauſe the King has ſent ſeveral Companies of Horſe and Foot to *Windſor*.

That when Prince *George* went to the *P.* of *Orange*, he would not give him Audience till next day.

That a Letter was ſent to Mr. *James Nettervill* in *Gracechurch-ſtreet*, to this effect. That above 13000 Loyal Catholicks are lately come to lodge and dwell in this City, beſides what are in the Army; that they increaſe daily, and that they hope to accompliſh their Deſign theſe *long dark Nights*.

That the *P.* of *O.* has ſent his Declaration to the Lord Mayor of *London*, to all High Sheriffs, *&c.* ordering them forthwith to diſarm the *Papiſts*.

That one Juſtice *Paym* is ſent to *Newgate* for Inventing the *Proteſtant Bridles*, New-Faſhion'd Inſtruments much like unto a Head-piece, with a Bit and rough Plate to go into the Mouth, which upon the leaſt Motion of the Tongue would make it bleed, and a Screw at the Top with which they can ſqueeze the Eyes out of one's Head, and a place at Top whereto they may faſten a Bell and a Rope to lead the *Proteſtants* about.

That ſeveral Conſecrated Knives and Grid-Irons have been lately found in and about the City.

That ſome perſons have attempted to poyſon the *Pr.* of *Orange*, others to run him through.

6. 'Tis

6. 'Tis reported that the Papists pretended that the Ghost of a Person, buried some time since, walked and appear'd to several, declaring, that it could not rest unless it was buried under the Pulpit at St: *Clement*'s Church. Which being done, and a Sermon preach'd upon the Occasion, the Rector of the Church went home and to Bed. Waking about the middle of the Night, he told his Wife he dream'd his Church was on Fire, and going to sleep again, he dream'd the same Dream; whereupon he immediately arose, and caused the Corps then Buried under the Pulpit, to be dug-up again. When, O wonderful! to the Amazement of the Spectators, he found no Corps, but the Coffin fill'd with Fire-balls and other Combustibles, and a Match lighted to have blown-up the Church. One would almost believe the Rector knew something of the Plot, or else he would not have suspected Fire-balls or Fire in a Coffin.

That the Judges were indicted by the Grand Jury. Rare doings when every Man sets-up for a Judge!

That some *Irishmen* went into an House at *Windsor*, and demanded some Victuals. Which the Woman of the House refusing them, one of them took a Spit and one of her Children, and swore he would roast it immediately, if she would not comply with them. Whereupon the Woman was forc'd to do it to save her Children.

That

That the Inhabitants of *Southwark* were up in Arms laſt Night, upon their Guard, for fear of a Maſſacre, which was then ſo Confidently reported, that moſt Parts of the Kingdom expected it at the ſame time.

6. That ſeveral have been taken-up for having Fire-balls, and ſent to Priſon.

That ſome people ſet an Houſe on Fire in *Southwark*, by ſcraping ſome part of a Fire-ball upon a Table, and made their Eſcape.

7. They ſay that the Duke of *Grafton* is kill'd, and that the Pr. of *Wales* is dead, tho' alive and well at St. *James's*.

That a Maſſacre is to be on *Sunday* next, and that ſeveral Towns are upon their Guard to prevent the Miſchief.

8. That a Man was taken in *Turtle-ſtreet* with Fire-balls about him, and ſent to the *Gate-Houſe*.

That a Man was ſeen on *Henry* the Seventh's Chappel in a Red Coat, ſuppos'd to have Fire-balls, but made his Eſcape.

That the King's Army and the Prince's have had a Battle at *Staynes*, and that the Prince's cut off an whole Regiment, except four Men.

That Father *Peters* is Taken, in a large Canonical Gown and Caſſock, cut out of St. *Paul's* own Cloak. for the Romiſh Prieſts to Scamper off inviſible. But it would not do.

That the Queen is gone away privately with the young Prince.

That 50 of the Prince's Men, meeting with the Lord *Dunbarton's* Regiment, were all

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ſlain, except five. Which the *P.* of *Orange* hearing, ſent ſuch a Guard of Soldiers, as cut off his Men, and he himſelf hardly eſcaped with Life.

9. This day 'tis reported that the King went away with a Troop of Guards, and was met by the Lord Mayor, but would not ſtay to ſpeak with him.

'Tis alſo reported that 13 Barrels of Gunpowder were found in Mr. *Pawlet's* Cellar, at the *Blue-Poſts* in the *Hay-Market*, ſix in *Orchard-ſtreet* in *Weſtminſter*, nine in *Greek-ſtreet*, and in ſeveral other places, in order to blow up and ſet ſeveral Streets on Fire.

Several Barrels of Cyder being brought to a Cellar in the *Broad Sanctuary* in *Weſtminſter*, were ſuppos'd to be Gun-powder, and a Guard was accordingly ſet upon them. If the Centinels had known at firſt what Gun-powder was committed to their Charge, I believe they would have try'd its Force a little.

10. 'Tis ſaid that the King went away this day, and that a Councel of War is call'd, in order to diſpoſe of the Arms, and to declare for the Prince.

'Tis ſaid the Train'd Bands go out this day, and that the Houſe of the Pope's Nuncio in *Petty-France* will be ſearch'd.

12 The Lord Chancellour endeavouring to make his Eſcape in the Habit of a Servant, was taken at *Wapping*, bargaining with a Maſter Collier to carry him to *Newcaſtle*. He was diſcover'd thus: He had ſtruck a Bargain with the Collier for his Paſſage, and

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was drinking with him in an Alehouſe. When the Maid of the Houſe aſk'd the Collier whether he knew the Man he had Bargain'd with? No, reply'd he. He is, ſaid ſhe, the Lord Chancellour, and I'll ſwear it before any Juſtice of Peace. Upon this they charg'd a Conſtable with him. Who with a Strong Guard carry'd him before the Lord Mayor, who ſwoon'd upon the Sight of him; but recovering himſelf a little, at the Deſire of the Chancellour, he had the Courage to order his Mittimus, and ſent him to the *Tower*.

13. The Town now rings with the Report of the *Poſt-Boy*, who alledges that three days ago he ſaw ſeveral *Iriſhmen* upon the Roads, who Robb'd and cut the Throats of Men, Women, and Children. This report was rais'd in the Dead-time of the Night, which alarm'd the whole City, and made them all ſtand upon their Guard, ſome to heighten the Fear, affirming that ſix Thouſands of them were at *Hyde-Park* Corner. The four Companies of the Train-bands which were upon the Guard were drawn out to engage them. The Cannons from *White-Hall*, and a Company of Horſe were planted in the way to meet them, and hinder their Approach to the City. At laſt the Formidable Enemy come up, and prov'd to be nothing elſe but 600, inſtead of ſix Thouſands, poor, diſbanded, un-arm'd Fellows, who had ſcarce a Knife to cut their Victuals, and were Begging their Way into their own Country. This Alarm was ſpread over all *England* at the ſame time.

14. 'Tis

14. 'Tis reported that Father *Peters* was taken Crying *Brooms* in *Kent*. Others ſay he was taken Crying *Oranges* in *Yorkſhire*. But he was wiſer than to be caught like a Fool.

15. The current News is, that the King, the Queen, and all the Retinue that went with the King, are taken at *Feverſham* in *Kent*.

Others ſay that the King is dead, and has never been out of Town, but lies Dead, poyſon'd at St. *James's*.

Others will have it that the King is at *Feverſham*, ſick, that he Bleeds very much, and that ſeveral Phyſicians are gone down to him; but that the Queen and Prince are arriv'd ſafe at *Dunkirk*. Others ſay they are in *England*.

15. 'Tis reported that the King was taken in a Diſguiſe, and that the Rebels beat him ſeverely, becauſe he would not confeſs who he was; and that he was ſeen to Skulk upon a Hill a Day and a Night together.

16. This day the King being expected at *White-Hall*, thouſands of Spectators flock'd to expect his Coming. As he came along he was Saluted with loud Huzza's, and loud Acclamations of Joy. Upon which his Majeſty was pleas'd to ſay, he found his People did not hate their King, but his Religion.

17. 'Tis reported, perhaps with too much Truth, that the Prince of *Orange* did Command the King out of his Lodgings at two a Clock in the Morning, and hurry'd him away with the *Dutch* Guards, not ſuffering

his own to come near him. An hard Case! Was it not?

18. The News is now wholly about the King's Leaving his Crown. For 'tis concluded that he is gone to *France*. The Censures of People are very various at this time. Some say one thing, some another. The Generality accuse him of Cowardice for Running away. But with what Reason? *Needs must*, &c. Besides his Army had Forsaken him, like———

19. 'Tis said the Citizens are much troubled at the King's being sent away, and that they murmur at it Grievously. But, for my part, I have not Faith to believe it.

20. 'Tis confirm'd that the Prince did send the King away, but withal told his Majesty, how necessary it would be for him to withdraw out of Town. No doubt, till he had Settled what he came for.

24. This day 'tis strongly reported by the *Roman Catholicks*, that the Lords and the Prince of *Orange* don't agree; because the Lords are for Monarchy, and the Prince is for a Commonwealth.

25. This day, being a Day very fit for such a purpose, the Lords in Parliament resolved to make a Law, to Disannul King *James*'s Reign, as if he had never reign'd.

26. The Peers address'd his Highness, that he would be pleased to accept of the Government till the 22 of *January* next, and to take the Case of *Ireland* into his Consideration.

27. 'Twas

27. 'Twas reported this day that the Lords did design to Dethrone the King, and crown the Prince and Princess of *Orange*. A Noble Resolution in order to promote Religion, to break thro' Right to enlarge Liberty. This day the Prince was desir'd to issue out his Letters to Call a Convention, to settle the Crown upon him and his Princess.

28. They say that several Papists did attempt to break in, and to kill the Prince at St. *James's*, tho' I am afraid it was only in Imagination, for that those Papists were never heard of before or since.

29. 'Tis said an *Irishman* did attempt to kill the Prince of *Orange* in the *Park*: but this Story is much like to the former.

30. Some say the King was forc'd to make his Escape out of a Window by a Rope, and that the Rope breaking, he receiv'd a great Fall which almost broke his Neck, and caus'd him to Bleed mightily,

31. All the News this day was, that the King was taken again at *Deal*. But it prov'd a Lye as the former.

Jan. 1. 1688. This day we had the following Account of a Jesuit, who went from *England* to *Holland*, some time before the Prince of *Orange* made his Descent into *England*, in a Disguise, pretending himself to have belong'd to some Nobleman, whom he left upon the score of Religion. The Prince entertain'd him at his Court. But he had not been there above fifteen days, before a Gentleman

chanced to come to Court, who knew the Jeſuit, and took the Liberty to aſk the Prince how he came to admit that Man into his Court, aſſuring him that he was a Jeſuit, and that he himſelf had been with him at St. *Omers*. And to convince the Prince that he was certainly the Man, he told him he had a great Cut behind his right Ear. Upon this, it was agreed, that the next time the Jeſuit came, the Gentleman ſhould ſalute him by the Title of Father; which he accordingly did. But the Jeſuit deny'd it, and was going to take his leave, when the Gentleman pulling him by the Peruke, it ſtraitways fell off, and diſcover'd the Cut in his Ear. The Prince ſeeing this, threatned the good Father with immediate Death, if he would not Confeſs the Occaſion of his Coming. The Father not at all caring to go to Heaven in a String, told him there was a Deſign againſt *Holland*, *England*, *Scotland* and *Ireland*; and that if he would ſtop the Packet Boat, which was juſt then going off, he might diſcover the whole Plot. The Boat was accordingly ſtopp'd, and ſeveral Letters found, tending to the Deſign; and the Jeſuit himſelf, they ſay, is now ſent over to Teſtify the ſame to our Parliament. For my part, I believe, if he came at all, he came *ad Propagandam Fidem*, but 'tis certain the Deſign was never laid before the Parliament.

2. 'Tis now the univerſal Cry among the Whigs, That King *James* was not our lawful King, but that he Uſurp'd the Throne; and

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that the Prince did well to ſend him away, or elſe they would have ſerv'd him as they did his Father, according to the Laws of the Land.

3. 'Tis ſaid, That as ſoon as the Prince came to St. *James's* he ſent for the Duke of *Monmouth's* Eldeſt Son, and told him, if the Parliament found that the Right of Suceſſion did belong to him, he ſhould have it.

4. 'Tis ſaid, That when the Prince went to Viſit the Queen Dowager, and by way of Diſcourſe, aſk'd her concerning the Prince of *Wales*, ſhe anſwer'd him, That ſhe was in the Number of the Deponents indeed, but truly as ſhe was the Daughter, Siſter, Wife, and Widdow of a King, ſhe would never Swear to any thing ſhe knew ſo Falſe, and ſo great a Cheat upon the Nation.

Note, *The Queen Dowagers Depoſitions are Enrolled in* Chancery *with the Reſt, which are alſo Printed for the Information of the Publick.*

10. The Prince finding but 40000 *l.* in the Treaſury, the City agreed to lend his Highneſs 100000 *l.* which being Rais'd by Subſcription, amounted to 150000 *l.* A great Argument of their Generoſity, as well as Loyalty, who deny'd K. *Charles* the firſt even what was his due, and would ſcarce lend his Succeſſor's ſo many Pence.

12. The *Scots* addreſs'd the *P.* of *Orange*, that he would be graciouſly pleas'd to take their Government upon him. And he gratified them for it afterwards in the Affair at *Darien*.

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16. His Highneſs iſſued out a Declaration, promiſing the Seamen and Mariners their Pay duly, and without Deductions. This Declaration was very exactly perform'd, or ſo many Seamen's Wives and Children had not been expos'd to Neceſſity, as were in the late glorious Reign.

19. The Lord Chancellour *Jefferies* being a *Priſoner* in the *Tower*, and hearing that the *Peers* had addreſs'd the *Pr.* of *Orange* to take upon him the Government of the Kingdom, began, as the Report goes, to recollect a Dream he had, when he was a Boy at St. *Paul*'s School, that he ſhould be the Second Man in the Kingdom; but in Concluſion ſhould die in his Shoes. The remembrance of which, ſo terrify'd him, that he never was his own Man afterwards.

22. This day the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, together with the Commons aſſembled at the Parliament Houſe, where they firſt voted an Addreſs of Thanks to the *P.* of *Orange*, for Adventuring his perſon not only to the Danger of the Seas, but to the hazard of his Life and perſon on the Land, in Defence of the *Proteſtant Religion*, and that he would be pleas'd to accept the Government till further Orders from the Houſes.

They voted alſo a Thankſgiving on the 31 day of this Month, for the ſignal Bleſſings this Kingdom receiv'd by the Coming of his Highneſs the *Pr.* of *Orange*.

Alſo that Dr. *Burnet* ſhould be deſir'd to preach before the Houſe of Commons at St.

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Margaret's Weſtminſter. The Text doubtleſs will be good if the Preacher is ſo.

23. The Lords ſat about the Death of the Earl of *Eſſex*, which they ſwept about till it was loſt.

28. They ſay the *Princeſs* of *Orange* is Landed, and preparations are making at *White-Hall* for her Reception.

That the King ſent a Packet of Letters to the Prince, and he would not break it open, but ſent them to the Houſe of Lords, and they to the Houſe of Commons; and they back again to the King, un-open'd. They were afraid, I ſuppoſe, his Majeſty ſhould tell them their own.

That Father *Peters* and two more Prieſts were taken and ſent to *Newgate*. But Father *Peters* was wiſer than to be caught like a Fool.

30. 'Tis reported that the King, ſent another Packet to Both the Houſes, in which he bid them prove his Marriage to his firſt Dutcheſs if they could. He alſo told them they might ſettle the Crown upon this perſon or t'ther perſon, but that it would never thrive till it was plac'd in the Rightful Succeſſor. That the Right was in *Monmouth*, and that upon the Faith of a Chriſtian he gave his Mother in Marriage to his Brother King *Charles* the Second. He declared alſo in thoſe Letters, as they ſay, that he never throve ſince he perſwaded his Brother to declare the Duke of *Monmouth* Illegitimate.

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That the *Proteſtants* in *Ireland* have entred into an Aſſociation, and reſolve to follow the *Glorious* Example of the *Engliſh* in whatſoever they do. That in Caſe the *Papiſts* live peaceably, they will not diſturb them: but if they offer to Riſe (or be but reported to deſign it) they will not leave a *Papiſt* in *Ireland*.

Feb. 1. 168⅘. They ſay, the Lords and Commons do not agree, and that a Noble Lord drew his Sword in the Houſe, upon which the Commons roſe in a Huff, and would not ſit that Day.

3. 'Tis reported that one of the Commons, making a Speech to the Lords, told them he knew a time when thoſe Gentlemen, without Swords, (meaning the Biſhops) were voted out of the Houſe as uſeleſs. That the Duke of *Grafton* roſe up, and ſaid, Gentlemen, your Meaning is very plain; they were ſo; but what follow'd? Were not the reſt of the Lords kick't out likewiſe? To vote the Biſhops uſeleſs, is the direct way to have the whole Houſe of Peers ſo. And let me tell you, ſays he, clapping his Hand on his Sword, *As long as I wear a Sword, it ſhall be to Maintain their Right againſt all Innovaters.* At which the Commons withdrew, with a Plea in their Ears.

4. The Lord *Lovelace*, having ſpoke ſomething diſagreeable to the Lords, they cauſed him to beg pardon at the Bar of that Houſe, and afterwards turn'd him out. Upon which,

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as the Report goes, he rais'd 6 or 7 thousand Mob, and came to the House. The Mob swore, if he was not admitted to Sit again, they would pull the House down. Being admitted, some words arose about Deposing the King: To which the Lords Spiritual, and some others, did not agree. Whereupon the Lord *Lovelace* started up, and told them, if they did not agree within two or three days, and Crown the *P.* of *Orange*, he would bring 50000 Men to the House, who should make them do it. To which the D. of *Grafton*, honourably reply'd, he would meet him with the Army, and decide the Matter.

5. The Bishops are very much blam'd by the contrary Party, and a certain Lord said, he did not care if he was bound to eat a Rasher out of one of their Buttocks, so they might be put out of the House. That Lord without doubt was a *Protestant* Lord, who could be pleas'd with such a Carnivel.

'Tis reported that the Lords and Commons are agreed; that they have put it to the Vote, Whether the King shall be Deposed. That there are 150 *Noes* among the Commoners, and all the rest *Yeas*.

6. The News from *France* tell us, that the King of *France* went to visit the Prince of *Wales*, and as he took him into his Arms, the Child clasp'd his Hands about his Neck. At which the King said, *Poor Infant, I'll maintain thy Cause.*

8. 'Tis reported that the Queen of *England* has twenty thousand pounds *per An.* allow'd her from *England*.

That the *King* is arriv'd ſafely in *France*, and that the Queen continues ſtill to beat and abuſe him; that ſhe calls him Coward, and ſays if he durſt to have fought, they had not been driven out of their Kingdoms.

9. 'Tis reported, that when the Convention was in a Diſpute, whether *K. James* had Abdicated his Kingdoms or not, ſome were of Opinion that he had not, but was forc'd out of 'em. Upon which Mr. *Wh——ton* ſtood up and ſaid, it was not then a Time to diſpute of it; That he and ſome others had drove him out, and by God's Aſſiſtance would keep him out. Upon which Sir *R. N——er* roſe up, and ſaid, *He could not ſay that he drove K. James out, but ſince he was out, he would with God's Grace do his honeſt Endeavour to keep him out.*

10. 'Tis reported, that, while the Convention ſat about Settling the Crown, the Prince of *Orange*, having his ſet Days for Company and Diverſion, was drinking with ſeveral of the Lords and Commoners, and being very merry, he aſk'd Old *Hambden* what News, and how the Commons ſtood affected? Says *Hambden*, *A great many are for King* James, *a great many for a Commonwealth, and but few for your Highneſs. Say you ſo*, reply'd the Pr. of Orange, drawing his Sword, *but ſo long as I can weild this, I'll make the Commonwealths Men for ſome King or other.* Which ſtruck *Hambden* into ſuch a Fit of Melancholy, that he rudely went away without taking his Leave.

13. This

14. This day the Prince and Princeſs of *Orange* were proclaim'd King and Queen of, *&c.* Tho' the Prince had modeſtly refuſed the Crown out of Duty, while his Father was alive; yet the Intereſt of old *England*, which was enough to Superſede all other Engagements, induced him to accept it. Oh the Extravagant Love of that Prince to us!

'Tis reported that when the Prince of *Orange* had accepted the Crown, and was proclaim'd *King*, ſeveral People were very much ſurpriz'd at it; but eſpecially Mr. *Fer — ſon*, inſomuch, that he ſaid, there was no Truſt to be given to what *Kings* and *Princes* do ſay; for he (meaning the Pr. of *Orange*) promiſed, when he was in *Holland*, that he would only be Protector of the Commonwealth, not King. But people ſometimes ſay one thing when they mean another.

16. They ſay that the Parliament granted this day to his now become Majeſty 600000*l.* under pretence of repaying the *Dutch* the Great Sum they laid out for the fitting of the Fleet which brought him into *England*, but if we can believe ſome Men who pretend to know ſomething) he himſelf is to have four hundred thouſands of the Six. They granted him moreover 600000*l.* to begin the Reduction of *Ireland*.

20. The Accounts we have from the Country tell us, that the *Dutch* Soldiers are grown ſo damnably Proud and Inſolent upon the Promotion of the Prince of *Orange* to the Crown of *England*, that they begin already

to insult our Natives. They are grown so Lawless, that they do e'en what they please. They take what they will, and they pay what, and when they will, with Oaths, and Blows into the Bargain. A certain Man being set upon by some of those *Hogan Mogans*, his Wife ran in to his Assistance, whereupon some others who stood by, out of Revenge drew their Swords and kill'd one of their Children as it lay in the Craddle.

Naturam expellas fuca licet usque recurret.

Use the *Dutch* as you will, they cannot but be Merciful. *Amboyna* for that.

'Tis reported that some private Letters from *France* say, that King hath given K. *James* a Chappel at *Marli*, for the Use of the *Protestants*, and that the Bishop of *Chester*, and two other Divines of the Church of *England*, daily perform Worship therein, with all the Ceremonies and Rights belonging to that Church.

21. A person arriv'd this Week from *Ireland*, who belong'd to the Ordnance under *Tyrconnel*, who saith, that *Tyrconnel*'s Forces are not so Considerable as it was generally reported; and that the people were tir'd out with waiting for Succours from *England*. That 15000 Horse and Foot compleat, are in the North of that Kingdom, ready to joyn the *English* upon their Arrival.

27. The whole Discourse at this time is about the Earl of *Essex*'s Ghost. A Story rais'd by some who would prove something if they could. They say this terrible Appari-

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tion appear'd to the Lord Chancellour in the *Tower*, with the Throat cut, and bleeding afreſh, and utter'd theſe words: *Wretch! Remember Eſſex, remember Eſſex.* This terrible Spectre put the Lord Chancellour into ſuch an Agony, that he confeſs'd more hands than one were imploy'd to ſign that Lord's Paſs into the other World. Meaning, as the World will have it, K. *Charles* the Second and the Duke of *York.*

28. King *W.* made a Speech in the Parliament Houſe, that day being the firſt in which he appear'd as K. in the Houſe of Lords.

Mar. 1. 168⅞. 'Tis reported that Admiral *Herbert* being ſent by K. *W.* with 30 Men of War to Cruiſe on the *Iriſh* Coaſts, and hinder the *French* from Landing, took a *French* Ship bound for *Ireland*, and laden with new-faſhion'd Knives, to Maſſacre the Proteſtants there; but the *French* Ship unhappily ſprung a-leak, and ſank to the bottom with all thoſe Bloody Inſtruments; ſo that we never could have the ſatisfaction of ſeeing them in *England.*

2. This day K. *W.* gave orders for the fitting out a Fleet of 60 Men of War, and ſent back part of the *Dutch* Forces for *Holland:* If he had ſent them all away, moſt certainly none would be here.

6. A Captain lately come from St. *Germains*, brings the Account of King *James*'s Death, with the following Particulars; which ſome People are ready to Swear to, becauſe they

they wiſh it; That King *James* Sicken'd about Ten days ſince, and being upon his Death-Bed, he ſent for the K. of *France*, and thank'd him for his Kindneſs to him, but told him that he had been miſled the greateſt part of his Life, by hearkning to the Sophiſtry and Ill Councel of the accurſed Jeſuits; that by their Advice he had cauſed the Earl of *Eſſex* and his own Brother King *Charles* the 2d to be Murther'd, and deſign'd the Ruin of all his Proteſtant Subjects, but that the *P.* of *O.* came timely in to their Relief; That by the Inſtigation of the Queen and Father *Peters*, he had impoſed a pretended Prince of *Wales* upon the Nation, for that the Child called by that Title, was neither the Queens nor his Son by any other Woman: That he ſaid he could not Die quietly before he had diſcovered the Impoſtor to his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty. This the Captain affirms poſitively for Truth, and that he ſaw the King dead, and laid in his Coffin, and that another gave a Guinea to ſee him thro' the Key-hole.

8. 'Tis now paſt Diſpute reported, that Father *Peters* the Jeſuit, was Apprehended and Taken, as he was Holding-forth at a Quakers Meeting in *Briſtol*,. The manner thus: Our Pious Father had learnt the Cant of the Quakers ſo exactly, that it was almoſt impoſſible for any one to diſtinguiſh him from a real Brother; with that Aſſurance he ventures to teach among them; when lo, for you muſt know the Devil ow'd him a Spight,

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one *R. C.* came accidentally into the Meeting; this *R. C.* was an Inhabitant of *Bath*, whose Daughter this very Sanctify'd Father *Peters* had Debauch'd and gotten with Child, that Summer in which he was at the *Bath* with the Queen; *R. C.* seeing *Peters* herding among those Cattle, had him seized in the Meeting-house, to the great Surprize both of *Peters* and the rest of the Congregation; *Peters* had Impudence enough to deny that he was the Person, but that would not avail; so he was sent to Prison, and he is expected sudainly in Town. If he comes 'tis very probable some body or other will see him.

10. 'Tis reported that the King of *France* is very familiar with the Queen of *England*, that he Kisses her in private, and has banish'd Father *Peters* out of *France* for that purpose, tho' they pretend that he is put out from thence for Evil Councel: If this is true, and that there is no P. of *W.* as yet, we may expect one now from the Blood Royal of *France.*

11. 'Tis now affirm'd that King. *James* is run Mad, and close confin'd. If he is not, he has gone thro' enough to make him so.

14. They say that King *James* sent a Letter to the Convention of *Scotland*, which they read, and were so displeased with, that they committed the Gentleman who brought it, to the Custody of a Serjeant at Arms. When Fortune frowns upon any Prince or Potentate, every one is willing to lend a hand to pull him down.

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This day K. *James* arrived at *Kingſale* in *Ireland.*

17. 'Tis reported that the Parliament has preſented K. *W.* with 420000 *l.*

That the Convention of *Scotland* have approved what the Nobility and Gentry of *England* have done, in praying K.W. to accept the Government of their Kingdom; and have ordered Arms and Ammunition to be ſent forthwith into *Ireland* for the Aſſiſtance of the Proteſtants of that Kingdom.

18. They ſay that Collonel *Wolſeley* has writ a Letter to D. *Schomberg* from *Belturbat* in *Ireland*, giving an Account that he ſent out a Party the Night before, under the Command of Lieutenant Collonel *Echlin*, to beat up the Enemies Quarters at *Cavan*; and at the ſame time gave orders for attacking of *Butlers Bridge* the next Morning, which was accordingly done by a Party of Horſe, and 50 Foot of Col. Earle's Detachment; who behaved themſelves extreamly well, and beat the Rebels from their Breaſt-work, and getting over the River purſued them, who were about 60, Kill'd 20, and took 16 Priſoners, without the loſs of one Man: That from thence they Marched to *Cavan*, and joyn'd the other Party; that the Enemy having notice of their coming, had poſted themſelves behind the Walls of the Houſes that were burnt before: but that his Men advancing, beat them from thence, and kill'd above 60 of them. Coll. *Wauchop*, who Commands in the Fort, not daring to ſtir out;

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and that he loſt but eight Men and one Enſign in the Action.

21. The Letters we have from *Edinburgh*, give us this Account. That the Convention ſent to D. *Gourdon*, Governour of the Caſtle in *Edinburgh*, to deliver up the Caſtle into their hands. That he deſir'd an Indemnity for all that was paſt, and Security for the future; which was agreed to in ſo far as he had acted as a Papiſt. That he then crav'd 24 Hours time to conſider of it; which was granted. That the Earls of *Tweedale* and *Lothian* were again ſent to the D. of *Gourdon*, to require him to deliver up the Caſtle; but inſtead of that he demanded 12 days more; and after ſeveral Meſſages, he declar'd he would not deliver up the Caſtle at all. That upon this the Convention ſent up the Heralds at Arms, to charge him in the Name and by the Authority of the Convention, to deliver up the Caſtle immediately upon Pain of Treaſon. That upon his Refuſal, they proclaimed him a Traytor and Rebel.

24. 'Tis reported that the Condition of the *Proteſtants* in *Ireland* is very deplorable. That they are plundered of all they have, Stript, and left Naked in the Fields. That there has been an Engagement in the North of *Ireland*, in which 6000 *Iriſh*, and 4000 *Proteſtants* were kill'd.

25. 'Tis reported that the Forces ſent by K. *William* into *Scotland*, under the Command of Major General *Mackay*, are arriv'd at *Edinburgh*; and that the States of *Scotland*

have given him a Commiſſion in their own Name, to be Commander in Chief of their Forces; and to let the World know what they would be at, (if they could) they ordered the Magiſtrates of *Edinburgh* to take an Oath of Fidelity to the Convention. Doubtleſs, becauſe they thought themſelves the only Sovereigns of that Kingdom, and that no King had any Right to that Crown, unleſs he was ſet up by them.

30. 'Tis reported that Sir *Geo. Lockhart* was ſhot dead as he came from Church at *Edinburgh*; he was Lord Preſident of the Seſſions of *Scotland*.

April 1. 1689. They ſay the Convention in *Scotland* have paſs'd an Act to this Effect. That King *James* the 7th, being a profeſs'd Papiſt, did aſſume the Regal Power, and acted as King without ever taking the Oath requir'd by Law; That he had altered the Fundamental Conſtitution of that Kingdom, and introduc'd Tyrannick Government, to the Subverſion of the Proteſtant Religion, and the Violation of the Laws and Liberties of the Nation, and thereby forfeited all his Right to the Crown, and made the Throne vacant.

That they immediately paſt an Act to Settle the Crown of *Scotland* upon K. *William* and Q. *Mary*.

3. They report that Duke *Scomberg* and the Earl of *Devonſhire* are made Knights of the Garter; and that Dr. *Burnet* is ſworn Chancel-

Chancellour of that Order. *Every Dog has his Day.*

4. 'Tis reported that the Lord *Jefferies*, late Lord Chancellour, being ſick in the *Tower* of *London*, began to have ſome dreadful Apprehenſions of a future State, which brought him to a Confeſſion. That he look'd upon himſelf, as deſervedly the Hatred and Scorn of the whole Kingdom. That he had loſt his Credit and Reputation by the General Attack he gave the Charter of *London* by the *Quo Warranto* Project: for which he was very ſorry, and begg'd Pardon of the City and Nation. That, to his great Affliction, he had ſhed a great deal of Innocent Blood in the Weſt, and triumphed in his Cruelty. That he had wheedled poor *Corniſh* (who knew no more of a Plot than thoſe who were as deep as the deepeſt in it) to a Gibbet, and *Ruſſell* to a Scaffold. That by his Advice ſeveral Charters were Diſſolved, ſome Biſhops Enſnar'd to Read the King's Declaration, the Biſhop of *London* Silenc'd, and Suſpended by the Eccleſiaſtical High Commiſſion, the Fellows of St. *Mary Magdalen* College turn'd out, *&c.* Tho' if Fame is not a Lyer, *S——er—d* was at the Bottom, or *Loo* had never been chang'd for *Kenſington.*

5. This day, they ſay Admiral *Herbert* Sail'd with his Fleet from *Spithead.* The Biſhop of *Briſtol* is made Biſhop of *Exeter.*

6. Great Preparations are making in *Weſtminſter* for the Coronation of K. *William* and Q. *Mary*, which is to be perform'd on the *Eleventh* inſtant.

11. This day K. *W.* and Q. *M.* were crown'd at *Weſtminſter* by the Biſhop of *London.* The moſt Reverend Arch-biſhop *Sancroft* being abſent, as not approving the Buſineſs of the Day. 'Tis reported that Dr. *Buſby*, for want of a better, ſupply'd the Place and perform'd the Office of Arch-Biſhop.

POST-SCRIPT.

GIVE me Leave here to inſert two Reports, which ſeem to me to give the moſt Plauſible Account I ever heard, how the Noiſe of the *Iriſh* Maſſacre came to be ſo ſpread thro' the Nation in one Day, I had almoſt ſaid in one Hour; and how King *James*'s Army came to be ſo Circumvented in the *Weſt*, as to loſe the Field, almoſt without Bloodſhed. The Reader perhaps will admire to hear that one and the ſame Perſon was the Manager of both theſe Intrigues. But ſo it really was. Mr. *Speak*, a rank Republican who was formerly taken-up and Fin'd, for being too Buiſy in the Diſcovery of the Murder of the Earl of *Eſſex* in the *Tower*, which he could not make out, before the Prince of *Orange*'s Deſcent, made it his Buſineſs to Travel through *England* twice; Once under the Notion of a *Whig*, and once as a *Tory*. By which Means, and Intruding himſelf into the Company of the Country Gentlemen, he learnt the Names of both

both Parties, and the Places where they dwelt. Now when the Time was come that they thought convenient for the Trumping up an *Irish* Maſſacre, they Contriv'd to ſend Letters to the *Whig-Party* by Coaches, Carriers, and Poſt, ſo that the Perſons to whom they were ſent might receive them all upon one Day. Suppoſe a Gentleman liv'd at *York*, and another at *Cambridge*, who was to Spread this Report; *York* being three days Journey, and *Cambridge* but one, they ſent their Letters to *York* two days before they ſent to *Cambridge*; ſo that all their Letters came to hand the very ſame day, and thus the Report was bruited throughout *England*. *Jupiter quos vult perdere dementat.*

The ſecond is this. Mr. *Speak* (as I ſaid before, being a rank Republican) upon the Prince of *Orange*'s Landing, was thought a fit Perſon to be Employ'd to Betray the Prince of *Orange*'s Strength and Deſigns, if he could be Induc'd by Money to Undertake it. For this Reaſon, when the Prince of *Orange* Landed, the King ſent for him, and took him into his Cloſet, and told him, if he would, he could do him a particular Piece of Service at that Critical Juncture of Affairs, and with all promis'd him a good Gratuity, beſides a Remiſſion of his Fine (which was not yet paid) occaſion'd by his being concern'd with *Laurence Braddon* in the Diſcovery of the Earl of *Eſſex*'s Murder. *Hugh Speake*, upon this, being a Man of a Long-

Long-Head, and desiring an Opportunity to be Revenged upon the Royal Family of the *Stuarts*, desir'd his Majesty to let him know what he could be Serviceable to him in, and if he could, he would undertake it? The King told him that it was to go over to the Prince of *Orange*, and Insinuate himself (which could not be an hard Matter for him to do) into his Camp, and to give him a particular Account of the Prince's Strength, Motions, Designs, &c. *Speake* desir'd 3 days to Consider of it, but return'd his Answer in twenty four Hours, that he would undertake it, provided his Majesty would give him his own way. The King was at first somewhat Surpriz'd at his Motion, but at last yielded to it. Whereupon *Speake* desir'd his Majesty to let him have two Passes, one Sign'd by Himself, and the other by the L. *Feversham*, then General of his Army, with these Words; *Let the Bearer hereof Pass and Repass.* Which was done, and he *(Speake)* had his Fine remitted to him, Two hundred Pounds put in his Pocket, and a good Horse under him. Besides Bills for what he would. Being thus prepar'd, he set out, when coming to the King's Camp, he shew'd the Lord *Feversham*'s Pass, by which he pass'd unmolested to the Prince's Camp. *Speake* being thus got to the Prince at *Exeter*, was introduc'd to his Highness by a Great Favourite (if I mistake not, his Name was *Talmash*, or something like it) and told him the Errant he was sent about, *viz.* To be a Spy, shew-

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ing him the Paſs Sign'd by the King's hand, and giving him the Account I have already mentioned. The Prince having got this Paſs into his Cuſtody, as *Speake* declar'd, and Fame reports from his Mouth, made his Advantage of it, to the full Diſcovery of the King's Strength and Deſigns: For by Vertue of the King's Paſs, any of the Prince of *Orange*'s Officers had free Paſſage to and from the King's Army; tho' *Speake* at the ſame time kept a conſtant Correſpondence with the King, and ſent him an Account of the Prince's Army, according to his Promiſe, but always made it three times larger than it was.

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ing him the Sad Story by the King's Head,
and giving him the Account I have already
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Resolved upon his Death, made his Ad-
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than it was.

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